



Training Opportunities



Look for all types of training opportunities.

GPO offers several opportunities, including:

- * [Interagency Depository Seminar](#), held annually for 5 days in Washington, DC.
- * [Depository Library Conference and Council Meetings](#), held twice a year. Fall meetings take place in the Washington, DC metro area; spring meetings are located in other parts of the U.S.

Preliminary agendas for these meetings are announced on the FDLP Desktop. The Interagency Depository Seminar is ideal for depository staff new to U.S. Government information resources and Federal agency information dissemination practices as it features presenters from several different Federal agencies. Orientation sessions for new depository staff are held at both Council meetings, providing opportunities for networking and asking basic questions. Conference proceedings are available in the FDLP Desktop's [File Repository](#).

GPO also encourages you to participate in [Online Learning](#) that is available for Federal Depository Library participants via OPAL (Online Programming for All Libraries), an interactive Web-based meeting and conferencing service. Topics may include FDLP products and services and all aspects of depository library operations and management.



Contact your regional librarian to determine if there is an orientation session offered to new depository personnel within the state or region. Also, determine if a local, state, or regional library group or association offers any training or mentoring activities, on a formal or informal basis.

If you are interested in having GPO personnel speak about or train on specific topics of interest to you and your colleagues at a state or regional meeting, you may do so through the [request for GPO Participation Form](#). GPO may participate onsite or through videoconferencing. You may also request that GPO librarians visit your library and consult about your library's depository operations and services or provide your library with an [assessment](#) of your library's adherence to the FDLP. Please also use the Request for GPO Participation Form to make these requests. Due to time and budget restraints, not all requests can be honored, but GPO will make every effort to accommodate your request.



GPO is currently developing an updated Self-Study of a Federal Depository Library, a self-assessment resource. The first module in this resource is entitled "Basics" and is oriented to new depository library personnel. It will provide more detail than this document in many areas. The Self-Study, when available, will be in the FDLP Tutorials section.

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